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Town of Bradford,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Town of Bradford for 1879 *; John W. Morse, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Bradford.*

1878.	Dr.	
March 1. To cash on hand	$2,632	25
Received of selectmen, Savings Bank tax	527	88
Received of selectmen, railroad tax	108	68
" " literary fund,	77	70
" " support of county paupers	387	57
Received of selectmen, interest on money loaned	7	70
Received of selectmen, for resident land sold for taxes	71	01
Received of selectmen, on M. C. Bartlett's note	300	00
Received of selectmen, drawn from Kearsarge Savings Bank	1,454	69
Received of selectmen, on Ruloph Bates' note	150	00
Received of selectmen, on I. W. Ward's note	51	92
Received of selectmen, on I. F. & B. Wiggin's note	113	13
Received of selectmen, on Thomas M. Craige's note	15	79
Received of selectmen, on Reuben Craige & Brother's note	4	21
Received of selectmen, interest on A. Blood's note	11	34

Received of selectmen, on T. A. J. Jones' note	$100 00	
Received of selectmen, on John W. Morse's note	156 05	
Received of selectmen, J. C. Bailey, use of hearse	4 00	
Received of selectmen, produce sold from W. S. Ward's place	7 24	
Received of selectmen, use of Town Hall	11 34	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, on 1878, taxes	7,575 46	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, interest on 1878, taxes	14 43	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, on 1878, taxes	60 88	
Received of selectmen, E. H. Eaton redeemed lands	17 61	
Received of selectmen, on Rudolph Bates' note	75 00	
Total amount received for the year		$13,935 88

1878.	Cr.	
March 1.	By cash paid out to—	
	H. K. Martin, as auditor	$1 00
	Edmund J. Ring, "	1 00
8.	E. H. Eaton, resident lands sold for taxes	98 28
9.	Howard V. Ward, bounty on 6 foxes	3 00
13.	Edward Hall, keeping 20 tramps	11 03
15.	T. A. J. Jones, note given selectmen	150 00
16.	Holton & Ferry, printing town reports	25 25
	Charles P. Pike, bounty on 3 foxes	1 50

Mar. 21.	Joseph K. Lund, insurance on Town Hall...	$29 60	
	Polly W. West, labor in M. V. B. Davis' family..	8 75	
23.	B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery	13 88	
	David M. Morse, cash loaned by the town.....	150 00	
	J. Albert Peaslee, journey to Concord and Warner,	4 00	
30.	P. B. Richards, services rendered Mason Putney's wife.....	4 50	
			$501 79
April 13.	James M. Hoyt, repairing road....	$5 00	
	Eben Cheney, water trough	2 00	
19.	George Dunfield, repairing road	4 10	
20.	Prescott Colby, repairing road.....	37 19	
24.	John W. Morse, money loaned J. W. Ward.....	50 00	
25.	Mason Putney, sawing wood for J. Atwood	3 12	
27.	Hugh M. Craige, repairing road.....	12 58	
29.	Job Atkins, boarding David Bumford's children.....	12 00	
	Ruloph Bates, money loaned on mortgage.....	700 00	
			$825 99
May 1.	Charles Gillis, keeping tramps.....	$16 25	
2.	Fred E. Messer, wood for J. Atwood.....	10 93	
8.	David Moody, attending funeral Mrs. M. Abbott,	2 00	

May 8	George E. Baldwin, overtax in 1878	$13 27	
13.	John M. Morse, money loaned County of Merrimack	800 00	
	B. W. Sanborn, 1 dozen surveyor's books	1 00	
16.	Martin C. Bartlett, money loaned him by town	400 00	
18.	Mary E. Smith, board of James M. Presb'y child,	14 00	
20.	Squire Chase, support of Maria H. Abbott's child	48 56	
	Fred Messer, bridge plank	32 00	
	Joseph H. Martin, certificate of births and deaths, 23d April	5 25	
			$1,343 26
June 3.	Polly West, labor in M. V. B. Davis' family	$4 00	
4.	Hollis C. Brockway, work on highway	17 60	
6.	Timothy Morse, school money	33 00	
8.	Job Atkins, board of David Bumford's child	12 00	
10.	J. W. Ward, repairing road	2 19	
	John W. Morse, money loaned	150 00	
	Chas. Gillis, keeping tramps	10 25	
15.	Charles P. Pike, cash paid out for town	4 17	
	Serano Newton, work on highway	1 80	
18.	Mason Putney, work on highway	3 00	

June 22.	Daniel G. Peaslee, bridge plank and stringers.....	$6 24	
26.	Jonathan Peaslee, for killing one fox.....	50	
27.	Jacob Bailey, casket for M. H. Abbott.....	17 75	
28.	Allen Cressy, abatement over-tax in 1878.....	3 60	
	Walter F. Davis, school money	28 00	
29.	Ethan Piper, repairing highway	8 75	
	Elisha H. Eaton, cash I. W. Sawyer in bankruptcy..	37 00	
	Elisha H. Eaton, taxes against the town	9 14	
	Jackson Dowlin, support of M. C. Stiles.....	28 50	
			$377 49
July 1.	Ezekiel Hadley, repairing road machine.....	$2 00	
2.	Jones, French & Abbott, school money.....	117 00	
4.	John Hoyt, school money,	50 00	
6.	Jesse Marshall, digging grave for Maria H. Abbott.....	3 00	
13.	Fred C. Brockway, school money	20 00	
	E. Nichols, school money...	30 00	
	Job Atkins, board of David Bumford's children.....	7 50	
17.	Nathan A. Knight, repairing road	20 75	
19.	Thomas B. Palmer, school money	22 00	

July 29.	Wellington Flanders, school money	$18 00	
	Polly West, labor for M. V. B. Davis	1 00	
31.	John W. Morse, for town bonds	417 95	
			$709 20
Aug. 1.	E. Cheney, services as highway surveyor	$3 62	
	Mary Hall, over-tax	9 00	
10.	Wm. G. Hoyt, services as S. S. Committee, part pay	25 00	
	Mary E. Smith, support of J. M. Presby's child	12 00	
14.	Charles F. Davis, repairing road and bridge	2 20	
	Charles F. Davis, supplies for D. Sargent's estate, and others	8 50	
15.	Dr. J. H. Martin, medical services W. S. Ward and others	48 50	
22.	Frank B. Bagley, damage to sheep by dogs	3 00	
29.	Dan W. Sawyer, repairing highway	19 79	
	Charles P. Pike, expense to Concord and Manchester	5 00	
30.	Blood & French, over-tax on ash lumber	2 70	
	County Treasurer, county tax	1,266 69	
	New Hampshire Savings Bank, deposit	500 00	
	Manchester Savings Bank, deposit	600 00	
			$2,506 00

Sept. 2.	Robert C. Colby, July 16, repairing roads	$2 85	
	Charles P. Pike, cash paid W. Presby for killing 2 hawks.....	40	
	Mrs. Clarisa Ward, work for Nancy Sargent.....	5 68	
	O. Cram, repairing bridge,	1 00	
	Squire Chase, support of George A. Abbott.....	12 75	
5.	Mason Putney, 5 days cutting bushes on highway,	5 00	
7.	E. H. Eaton, part pay for collecting taxes.....	50 00	
			$77 68
Oct. 1.	Henry Bixby, school money	$46 64	
	Job Atkins, 1 cord wood for J. Atwood.....	3 00	
	Mason Putney, sawing wood for J. Atwood.....	1 00	
4.	J. F. Buswell, clothes for W. S. Ward.....	13 50	
	M. Putney, cutting bushes,	3 00	
7.	Serano Newton, wood for W. S. Ward	1 00	
14.	Job Atkins, support of David Bumford children,	13 50	
	B. T. Fifield, board Mrs. A. Cheney and child.....	8 00	
	B. W. Sanborn & Co., inventory book, &c.	1 75	
22.	P. Colby, school money....	39 56	
25.	T. A. J. Jones " " ...	97 00	
			$227 95

Nov. 1.	John W. Morse, coupons on town bonds	$1,802 37	
2.	Thomas B. Palmer repairing bridge	4 30	
	B. F. Hoyt, lumber and repairing bridge	40 51	
	Calvin Uunderwood, stump puller	25 00	
	H. C. Brockway, repairing bridge	2 50	
	Osmon Bailey, over-tax	98	
9.	Mary E. Smith, support of J. M. Presby's child	13 00	
	Geo. L. Mitchell, N. H. Statutes and express	2 25	
11.	H. Piper, abatement tax	1 80	
	E. M. Fifield, board &c. Altha Cheney and child	12 00	
16.	Job Atkins, support of D. Bumford's children	13 50	
20.	Chas. A. Cressy, repairing school house	25 00	
22.	J. D. Chase, 6 cords wood for J. Atwood	16 00	
23.	Justin L. Piper, over-tax,	1 80	
29.	Augustus Colby, killing 2 foxes	1 00	
30.	John W. Morse, town bond No. 110	104 00	
			$2,066 01
Dec. 7.	E. H. Eaton, pasturing cow for D. F. Hoyt	$6 00	
10.	H. C. Brockway repairing roads	4 20	
14.	H. C. Brockway repairing roads	3 90	
	Fred C. Brockway, school money	33 27	

Dec. 14.	John W. Morse, State tax...	$1,012 00	
	Henry F. Presby, repairing road.....	11 25	
16.	Jesse Marshall, money loaned by town..... ..	200 00	
	M. C. Bartlett, board of selectmen	20 00	
	E. M. Fifield, board of Mrs. A. Chaney.....	15 00	
23.	John W. Morse, pork for J. Atwood.....	11 00	
	John W. Morse, pork for W. S. Ward	10 80	
			$1,327 42
1879.			
Jan. 1.	Edwin Nichols, school money	$54 91	
2.	C. H. & A. L. Marshall, stove for Town Hall.....	12 00	
7.	George L. Mitchell, order books and express	2 25	
	Wellington E. Flanders, school money.....	22 33	
13.	Elizabeth M. Fifield, board Mrs. A. Cheney & child	12 00	
15.	Alden W. Rowe, school money	55 31	
16.	Charles P. Pike, shoat for Mason Putney.....	2 00	
	J. Greeley, Jr., goods for Mrs. A. Cheney.....	10 31	
17.	John Hoyt, school money	69 73	
18.	Mary E. Smith, support J. M. Presby's child ...	10 00	
	Mason Putney, preparing wood for J. Atwood.....	6 00	

Jan. 20.	Mason Putney, banking J. Atwoods house.....	$ 50	
	Sharon Jameson, wood for W. S. Ward.....	25 90	
	Walter F. Davis, beef for W. S. Ward.....	5 20	
	Walter F. Davis, school money	46 89	
31.	Alburton Peaslee, pork for J. Atwood	8 48	
	Alburton Peaslee, pork for Dolly Dudley.....	1 90	
	Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary C. Stiles.....	47 25	
	Levi S. Hall, damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 00	
	Levi H. Eaton, board of Frank Bailey.....	12 00	
	Fred Cheney, damage to	6 00	
	sheep by dogs.....	6 00	
	Timothy Morse, school money, ...	52 69	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, Nancy Sargent	7 50	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, Joshua Atwood.....	10 00	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, Frank Bailey.....	12 50	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, Charles B. Wyman	6 75	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, Dolly Dudley.....	5 40	
	J. H. Martin, medical services, M. V. B. Davis	20 75	
	Job Atkins, support D. Bumford's children.....	16 50	
			$545 15

Feb. 4.	Moody Gillingham, pork for D. Dudley.....	$10 15
10.	E. M. Fifield, board and nursing A. Cheney and child.....	12 00
	Michael Croston, care of Thos. Murphy, transient	10 00
	John W. Morse, goods for J. Atwood.....	34 28
	John W. Morse, goods for Dolly Dudley.....	15 30
	John W. Morse, goods for D. F. Hoyt	5 58
	John W. Morse, goods for M. B. V. Davis	12 00
	Wm. A. Carr, goods for M. V. B. Davis.....	18 75
	Wm. A. Carr, goods for Ed Hall, for tramps.....	1 50
	Serano Newton, breaking roads	5 28
	J. Greely, Jr., goods and medicine for A. Cheney,	4 45
	Charles P. Pike, butter and potatoes for J. Atwood	2 83
11.	B. F. Hoyt, damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 69
	T. B. Palmer, school money	31 34
12.	T. A. J. Jones, "	228 86
	B. W. Sanborn, stationery..	2 70
13.	Jefferson G. Peaslee, money loaned by town	150 00
	Erastus H. Bartlett, money loaned by town	100 00
14.	Thomas R. Smiley, professional services for A. Cheney	12 75

Feb. 14.	Charles F. Davis, supplies furnished W. S. Ward ..	$17 94
18.	D. R. Marshall, goods furnished Mason Putney.....	6 80
	Wm. A. Carr, goods furnished W. S. Ward	52 95
	Wm. A. Carr, stationery for town	4 95
19.	Mason B. Presby, damage to sheep by dogs.....	6 00
20.	Wm. A. Chase, damage to sheep by dogs	5 00
	Squire Chase support of G. A. Abbott.....	18 37
	John W. Morse, services as Town Treasurer.....	40 00
	John W. Morse, goods furnished John Withington	4 20
	John W. Morse goods furnished Mason Putney...	28 70
	Clarissa Ward, washing for W. S. Ward.....	10 00
	Alburton Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs.....	5 00
	Daniel G. Peaslee, watering trough	2 00
22.	Trueworthy Piper, support of Willie G. Hart.....	35 00
24.	E Piper, repairing highway	5 00
	John McIlvin, school money P. F. P	1 78
	Ziba Wood, disabled soldier	1 80
	John McIlvin, meat for W. S. Ward.....	2 00
	Fred A. Messer, for lumber	60
	William G. Hoyt, services as S. S. Committee.....	47 75

Feb. 24.	Jacob C. Bailey, watering trough	$3 00
	Chas. B. Osgood, repairing hearse	1 75
25.	James Craige, damage to sheep by dogs	3 00
	Chas. Gillis, keeping tramps	3 50
	" " board of selectmen	7 50
	M. C. Bartlett, board of selectmen	9 00
	L. B. Wood, meal furnished for M. Putney	90
	Pierce Sargent, labor on highway	8 40
	Eben Cheney, water trough	2 00
	Horace K. Martin, work for selectmen	19 50
	Charles P. Pike, services as selectman	111 89
	Ruloph Bates, services as selectman	69 35
	C. Benton Osgood, services as town clerk	43 16
	E. H. Eaton, balance for collecting taxes	40 00
	E. H. Eaton, discount on taxes	53 84
	E. H. Eaton, highway receipts	49 50
	E. H. Eaton, abatement 1877 taxes	5 22
	E. H. Eaton, abatement 1878 taxes	32 95
	E. H. Eaton, potatoes furnished M. Putney	3 20
	P. B. Richards, work on highway	6 57

Feb. 25.	Silas Colby, bag meal M. V. B. Davis, 100 lbs.....	$1 25	
	Silas Colby, goods furnished M. Putney	6 30	
	Silas Colby, goods furnished Ed. Hall	9 50	
	John H. Collins, plank for bridge	2 82	
	John H. Martin, medical services C. B. Wyman's wife.....	6 25	
			$1,457 56
	Total amount paid out for the year.....		$11,965 50
	Cash on hand in the treasury.....		1,970 38
			$13,935 88

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the several items of receipts, coupons and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. J. RING, Auditor.

Bradford, March, 1879.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

Liabilities of the Town, March 1, 1879.

Total bonded debt of the town	$29,500 00
Interest on bonds to date	590 00
Outstanding orders estimated at	100 00
Amounting to the sum of	$30,190 00

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879	$1,970 38
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1870	96 96
" " " 1871	206 78
" " " 1872	33 51
Due from U. S. Government	1,870 00
" on Hannah Stevens' note	290 89
" D. D. & Howard V. Ward's note	28 11
" Daniel F. Hoyt's note	11 14
" Chas. B. Wyman's "	28 15
Amount deposited in Kearsarge Savings Bank	497 95
" in Manchester "	612 00
" in New Hampshire "	510 00
Amount due on Merrimack Co. note	830 00
" A. B. Blood's note	100 25
" David M. Morse's, Jr., note	158 77
" T. A. J. Jones' note	58 77
" M. C. Bartlett's note	108 16
" Ruloph Bates' note	456 35
" Jesse Marshall's note	202 46
" Erastus H. Bartlett's note	100 30
" J. G. Peaslee's note	150 45
" Reuben Craig & Brother's note	9 58
" deed of Samuel Andrews land	9 42
" " R. Bixby's land	3 99
" Conn place	4 16

1 Rock machine	$25 00
Lot hay on Walden Ward place	35 00
Hearse and hearse house	600 00
Town Hall and fixtures	800 00
Town safe	140 00
1 Road machine	125 00
Due from Edwin Nichol's use of Davis pasture	15 00
" James M. Presby	77 75
Amounting to the sum of	$10,166 29
which, being deducted from the above amount of liabilities, leaves the town indebted in the sum of	$20,023 71

Deduct the above liabilities from the liabilities of March 1, 1878, which amounted to $21,393 88, shows a reduction of the town debt the past year of $1,370 18.

CHARLES P. PIKE,
RULOPH BATES,
Selectmen of Bradford.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them correct.

E. J. RING,
Auditing Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 26, 1879.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bradford:—

In compliance with the law, the following is respectfully submitted as the annual report of your schools:

The schools, the past year, have exhibited a good degree of improvement. The teachers employed have generally had experience and acknowledged success, previous to the past year; or, if without experience, have been known to us as diligent and faithful scholars. The past teaches us that only such should be employed. The selection of teachers is of the greatest importance to the welfare of our schools, and it should be made with due caution, and never without a full knowledge of their experience and qualifications.

In order for parents to realize the greatest profit from the few week's schooling in the districts, they should not fail in supplementary teaching at home. This will encourage and interest the scholar. They should teach their children at home that it is their duty to cheerfully and willingly obey their teacher. They should also frequently visit the school and make their interest manifest. Another thing they should *never* do, and that is indulge in the habit of criticising the teacher in the presence of the children, insinuating that they are wanting in knowledge, in government, and the like. After a school has once commenced, no good results were ever seen to come from exposing the teachers' weak points, many of which may be imaginary. Such a course is very hurtful, and parents often do a lasting injury in creating bad habits of thought in their children. Parents should ever be mindful of

the fact that they are doing a great injury to the success of the school and to their children by allowing them to be irregular in their attendance or to absent themselves for the last few days of a term, because they do not wish to be present at examination.

Prudential committees have manifested much interest in the schools, feeling deeply the responsibility of their position. They have in the main employed good teachers. This is right. Do not hire poor teachers because they will teach for a low price or because the scholars in your district are not far advanced in their studies. Secure the best teachers possible for the highest price you can afford to pay. We would suggest however, that a little more attention on the part of some, in notifying the superintending committee of the opening and close of the schools, would be very beneficial, and also that a practice of presenting your teachers for examination previous to the opening of the schools would better promote the general interest of all concerned.

The scholars have generally manifested a desire for improvement, and an interest in study. Where this has not been the case, the cause may be assigned mainly to previous irregularity of attendance, and want of proper home influence.

All persons who have had experience in teaching children, know the importance of having something by which to demonstrate whatever they would teach. In most of our schools there is too little explanation or familiar illustration of the branches that are taught. Much of the instruction is therefore superficial. This is owing in a measure to a want of proper means of giving such illustration, but with a suitable apparatus, and proper skill on the part of the teacher, the principles on which the different branches of study are based will be better understood.

REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

John Hoyt, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Belle C. Hoyt. This was Miss Hoyt's first attempt at teaching, yet we think she used good judgment in the management of her school. This being the largest school in town, the labors of the teacher were very arduous. She seemed to infuse life into her classes, and the promptness with which the questions were answered was very satisfactory. With experience Miss Hoyt will rank among our best teachers.

District No. 2.

Edwin Nichols, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. This school was commenced by Miss Helen M. Colby, who taught it one week, when, owing to ill-health, she was obliged to leave it. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school at the commencement, the indications were favorable for a prosperous term, and we regretted that this teacher was unable to finish it. But we consider the Prudential Committee very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. S. J. Colby, who completed the term with much satisfaction. Unusual care and taste were exhibited in the preparation and adornment of the school room for examination.

Winter term, taught by Mr. R. M. Dowlin, who fully sustained his reputation previously acquired in this district. Mr. Dowlin labored under some disadvantages on account of sickness on the part of the scholars, which severely cut down the average attendance. Good progress, however, crowned his labors, and the closing examination was commendable to both teacher and scholars.

District No. 4.

Walter F. Davis, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms, both taught by Miss Nella F. Cressy, who conducted her school with much satisfaction. The scholars appeared orderly and studious, and seemed well to appreciate their advantages for schooling. The teacher seemed to possess the confidence and esteem of her pupils, and was able to interest them in their studies, and a good degree of improvement was the result.

District No. 5.

Prescott Colby, Prudential Committee.

Fall term taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman, who is a teacher of wide experience and well earned high reputation. She has excellent method and manner in her teaching, and all who have been favored with her instruction, have made excellent progress. The people of this district believe in hiring the best teachers.

District No. 6.

Timothy Morse, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Hannah M. Eaton. The school for this term has been unusually small, but very interesting; the teacher spared no pains to make the school one of profit, winning the love of her pupils by kind words; the combined efforts of teacher and pupils accomplished much and thorough advancement.

Winter term taught by Mr. Walter P. Melvin, who came to this school without experience as a teacher; but, possessing natural ability to teach, he soon interested his pupils in their studies, and commanded the closest attention of the class, while reciting, never passing over a principle without satisfactory explanation. The school was well disciplined. At the closing examination the exercises showed, beyond a doubt, that thoroughness had been the motto. Mathematics were taught with unusual success.

District No. 7.

Fred C. Brockway, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Annie C. Smith, who taught the school nearly through, but, on account of sickness, was obliged to close her school without examination. Upon visiting the school at its commencement, everything was found in good order, and bid fair for success. Reports from the district state that good progress was made.

Fall term taught by Miss Clara M. Smith. The school, under her care, exhibited a steady and sure progress in the studies pursued. The school in this district is the only one in town where vocal music was taught.

District No. 8.

Thomas Palmer, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma B. Colby, who conducted her school in a creditable manner. This school is very easily managed, the scholars obedient and industrious; much advancement was made. The parents and friends of this district manifested much interest in the school by visiting it upon examination day.

Winter term taught by Mr. Frank B. Chase. The Prudential Committee having failed in his duty, I received no notice of the opening of the school. Without doubt Mr. Chase taught an excellent school, as is fully confirmed by the many flattering reports from all quarters of the district.

District No. 10.

Henry Bixby, Prudential Committee.

Fall term taught by Miss Addie F. Bixby, a teacher of rather limited experience, but taught this school with good success; the scholars exhibited much improvement, and am satisfied that the teacher labored faithfully.

District No. 11.

Alden W. Rowe, Prudential Committee.

This was Miss Eaton's second term in this district. The hearty co-operation of teacher and scholars in their labors gave unmistakable assurance of a good degree of improvement. The district made some repairs upon the outside of the school house. The inside needs thorough renovation.

District No. 12.

Wellington E. Flanders, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton, who conducted her school in a manner highly creditable. All her pupils made marked improvement. A perfect union of feeling existed between teacher, pupils and parents, and where this is the case, a genuine success is always sure.

Union School District No. 1.

T. A. J. Jones, Benjamin Abbott, John E. French, Prudential Committees.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Summer and fall terms, both under the instruction of Miss Etta F. Nichols, who is known to be one of our most successful teachers. Her method of discipline is mild, yet effective, and am happy to report that much good work was accomplished.

Winter term taught by Mr. Stephen S. Bean, who has taught many terms of school. Mr. Bean possesses rare and excellent qualifications and ability, and is a thorough disciplinarian. His name alone is a sufficient guaranty of success. We were more than pleased with the recitations, which plainly indicated that no pains had been spared to give thorough instruction.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Lizzie S. Pike, a teacher of much experience who needs no words of commendation. This school was taught with excellent success. The teacher was faithful and untiring in her efforts to promote the improvement of her pupils. Many little items of information, useful and important were taught. Here she bade a final goodbye to the duties of the school room. May her future life be useful and happy as her former has been faithful and honorable.

Winter term taught by Miss Laura F. Parker, who is a live, energetic teacher, admirably adapted to teaching. The scholars upon examination day were put upon a test of their actual merits which showed much thoroughness. The first classes in arithmetic and geography deserve much praise.

ROLL OF HONOR,

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of the term without being tardy.

District No. 1.

Mary I. Smith, Annie F. Smith, Bertha J. Cressy, Nellie J. Sargent, Mary G. True, Etta A. Hoyt, John A. Hall, Murvin L. True, S. Scott Hall.

District No. 2.

Clara J. Nichols, Winnie G. Pike, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon, Lizzie J. Frazier, Bertie E. Fletcher, Walter A. Frazier.

District No. 4.

Emily E. Piper, Edith J. Colby, Isora M. Colby.

District No. 5.

Etta Ward, Eva L. Presby, Flora M. Colby.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Mary E. Morse, Mary A. Wells, Ardell Eaton, Willie S. Trow, Joseph H. Trow, Henry A. Colby.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Hattie A. Knight, Fannie E. Craig, Walter H. Craig, Fred G. Holt.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Fred M. Murdough, Eddie S. Kenison.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Samuel M. Couch.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Fred G. Hoyt, Warren A. Hoyt, John L. Flanders, Charles Flanders, Nettie A. Hoyt, Carrie A. Hoyt, Laura A. Flanders.

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Sadie B. Brown, Belle M. Bartlett, Clarabelle Bates, Effie S. Johnson.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Belle R. Gillis, Emma B. Felch, Willie Hall, Walter H. Abbott, Fred G. Hadley, George Patch, John M. Emerson, Willie McKim.

In conclusion your committee would recommend to all our citizens to cherish the institution of common schools, for upon this institution depends the education of the masses. Believing our school system to be one of the most essential safeguards of American liberty, let us make every reasonable sacrifice to sustain it.

WILLIAM G. HOYT,
Superintending School Committee

STATISTICAL TABLE.—Summer, Fall and Winter Terms.

Number of District.	District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	No. Weeks of School.	Whole No. of Pupils.	Average No. of Pupils belonging to the School.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of daily attendance.	No. between 5 and 15 not attending.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No of visits by parents and citizens.	No. of visits by others.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.	Total amount of School Money.	No. Pupils studying any of the higher branches.
1	Centre.	Summer.	Miss Belle C. Hoyt	8	25	22.08	21.22	96	4	2	1	18	4	$22.00	$119.73	
1	Centre.	Winter.	Miss Belle C. Hoyt	9	36	35.77	31.93	88		2	1	13	5	28.00		
2	West.	Summer.	Mrs. S J. Colby	9	16	14.	12.2	87		2	1	14	12	20.00	84.91	2
2	West.	Winter.	R. M. Dowlin	11	14	12.60	10.84	86		2	2	18	8	30.00		1
3	Union No. 1.	*Summer.	Miss Etta F. Nichols	9	27	25.00	23.	92		2	1	38	18	26.00	442.83	7
3	Union No. 1.	*Fall.	Miss Etta F. Nichols	7.4	21	19.5	18.1	92		2	1	25	21	26.00		
3	Union No. 1.	*Winter.	Stephen S. Bean	10.8	36	32.75	31.	95		2	2	47	20	50.00		15
4	Massasechem.	Summer.	Miss Nella F. Cressy	5	10	9.	8.82	98	6	2		3	5	17.00	74.89	
4	Massasechem.	Winter.	Miss Nella F. Cressy	9	13	12.3	11.08	9		2		5	4	20.50		
5	Colby.	Fall.	Miss Elvira J. Buckman	10	16	13.	12.	92		2	1	4	1	22.00	39.56	3
6	Plain.	Summer.	Miss Hannah M. Eaton	10	7	6.9	6.64	96		2		3	3	20.00	85.69	
6	Plain.	Winter.	Walter P. Melvin	10	15	13.38	12.4	92	1	2		9	27	28.00		3
7	Andrews'.	Summer.	Miss Annie C. Smith	10	7	6.09	5.8	95		1	1	8	1	16.00	55.81	
7	Andrews'.	Fall.	Miss Clara M. Smith	10.4	9	7.48	7.1	94		2	1	5	8	19.20		
8	Melvin's.	†Summer.	Miss Emma B. Colby	11	2	1.19	1.1	92		2	2	16	9	19.00	53.34	
8	Melvin's.	†Winter.	Frank B. Chase	13	2	1.93	1.9	98		1		16	9	28.00		
9	Union No. 1.	‡Summer.	Miss Lizzie S. Pike	9	25	24.88	23.54	90	4	2	2	46	3	26.00		
9	Union No. 1.	‡Fall.	Miss Lizzie S. Pike	7.4	24	24.	22.17	92		2	1	31	4	26.00		
9	Union No. 1.	‡Winter.	Miss Laura F. Parker	10.6	22	21.36	19.77	93	4	2	2	35	1	26.00		
10	Springs.	Fall.	Miss Addie F. Bixby	10.4	10	9.24	8.33	90		2		4	8	18.00	46.64	1
11	Jewett's.	Fall.	Miss Louise L. Eaton	13	10	8.51	7.87	92		2	1	3	13	16.00	55.31	3
12	Union with No.	Summer.	Miss Mary J. Eaton	12	7	7.	6.92	98		1	1	12	12	20.00	40.33	
12	6. Newbury.	Winter.	Miss Mary J. Eaton	12	8	7.83	7.65	97		2	1	11	18	28.00		

*Grammar Department; †Union with No. 17, Warner; ‡Primary Department.

Remarks. The Literary Fund, $92.02, and the Dog Tax, $58.00, was divided equally among the districts and is included in the above. School money paid the town of Warner on account of Robert Colby farm, $2.64. School money paid town of Washington on account of B. F. Putney farm, $1.78

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